Appl. No. 10/051,609 Reply to Office Action of July 14, 2006

REMARKS

This Response is to the Final Office Action of July 14, 2006. Claims 8 to 12 and 57 are pending in this application. Claims 8, 56 and 57 have been amended in this Response. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments.

In the Office Action, Claim 1 to 5 were objected to. They have been renumbered to be Claims 8 to 12. Applicants apologize for this oversight.

Claims 8, 56 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for "the disposal cassette." Those claims have been amended to state "the disposable unit" instead which has antecedent basis. Those amendments are non-narrowing and disclaim no subject matter over the art of record.

Applicants respectfully submit that this case is allowable at this time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted.

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